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Moved by: _____

Prepared by: Rebecca Good

Seconded by: _____

Reviewed by: Craig E. Willis

RESOLUTION AWARDING COUNTY FUNDS FROM THE FY 2017 OPERATING BUDGET IN THE AMOUNT OF \$11,500.00 TO AGAPE CHILD & FAMILY SERVICES, INC., A CHARITABLE ORGANIZATION. SPONSORED BY CHAIRMAN TERRY ROLAND, COMMISSIONER VAN TURNER AND COMMISSIONER MELVIN BURGESS.

WHEREAS, Pursuant to the Community Enhancement Program Resolution (Agenda Item No. 24) passed on August 1, 2016 (the "CEP Resolution"), the Shelby County Board of Commissioners created a Community Enhancement Program and established policies and guidelines for the appropriation and disbursement of County funds to governmental entities and non-profit civic and charitable organizations meeting certain criteria, as set forth therein; and

WHEREAS, Said CEP Resolution provides that all grant appropriations pursuant to the Community Enhancement Program shall promote the general welfare of the residents of Shelby County and shall only be available to support public safety activities, cultural activities, community development activities, as well as County and municipal infrastructure improvements within Shelby County; and

WHEREAS, Said Resolution provides that community enhancement grant proceeds must be used for one (1) or more of the following purposes: programs, services, operating costs, equipment, construction, renovation and maintenance projects within Shelby County; and

WHEREAS, Said Resolution provides that such grants shall be approved to specific entities by resolution of the County Board of Commissioners.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF SHELBY COUNTY, TENNESSEE, That funds from the FY2017 Operating Budget are hereby allocated and awarded to Agape Child & Family Services, Inc. in the amount of \$11,500.00 as a grant listed in Exhibit A hereto for the projects detailed in the attached plan of services for the grant.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That said grant proceeds must promote the general welfare of the residents of Shelby County and support public safety activities, cultural activities, community development activities, as well as County and municipal infrastructure improvements, and must be used for one (1) or more of the following purposes: programs, services, operating costs, equipment, construction, renovation and maintenance projects within Shelby County.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Office of the Chief Administrative Officer shall prepare and execute a grant contract with the specific entities designated herein within thirty (30) days of the grantee's compliance with the grant awarding conditions set forth in the CEP Resolution.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That payment of grant funds shall be made as provided by the CEP Resolution and the grant contract.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Mayor and the Director of Administration and Finance are hereby authorized to issue their warrant or warrants for all amounts appropriated herein, and to take proper credit in their accounting therefor.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That this Resolution shall become effective in accordance with the Shelby County Charter, Article II, Section 2.06(B).

Mark H. Luttrell, Jr.
Shelby County Mayor

Date: _____

ATTEST:

Clerk of County Commission

ADOPTED: _____

Exhibit A
Community Enhancement Grants
FY 2017

Per Resolution (Agenda Item No. __) passed _____, 2017

Agape Child & Family Services, Inc.

Grant Agency Agape Child & Family Services, Inc.

Type of Grant Program

Grant Amount \$11,500.00

Sponsor(s)	<u>Chairman Terry Roland</u>	<u>\$5,000.00</u>
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	<u>Commissioner Van Turner</u>	<u>\$5,000.00</u>
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	<u>Commissioner Melvin Burgess</u>	<u>\$1,500.00</u>
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Purpose On July 1, 2001, Agape Child & Family Services, a Memphis-based non-profit established in 1970 to provide children and families with healthy homes, began holistically serving homeless, pregnant and parenting mothers and their homeless children in a transitional housing and support program called, Families in Transition (FIT.) FIT was birthed as the first-ever, dynamic collaboration of this kind. Since the initiation of FIT, Agape has successfully served more than 1,000 homeless mothers and their homeless children. The FIT program has a 97% success rate in the past year, which exceeds the regional and national average of similar programs (having an approximate 50% success rate) of families moving into permanent housing. Agape has more than tripled the FIT program since 2009 to serve a total of 66 homeless, pregnant or parenting women/families and their homeless children at a time. Agape is a significant agent toward ending homelessness in Shelby County. The 66 homeless women and their children are currently served in two apartment complexes, New Horizon apartments in Whitehaven and Camelot Manor apartments in Hickory Hill. Within the context of a much larger community-focused initiative, led by Agape, 100 non-profits bring their services to such families at the

apartments...thus greatly enhancing the success of FIT with such services as: weekly life skills classes for women, daily after-school tutoring for the youth, GED classes, employment services, computer classes, counseling, social services, health and dental services, and mentoring, to name a few. Funding obtained through the County Commission Community Enhancement Grant program will be utilized for the FIT program in the following ways: developing a reasonable, workable plan that will lead to self-sufficiency, putting resident counselors on-site daily, individual and group counseling through the agency's licensed staff, teaching job skills, resume preparation, budgeting, credit repair, household management, housekeeping, proper child care, parenting and personal hygiene. Effectiveness of the program will be measured on a monthly basis via internal and external databases with information provided by those served.